

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



SF 286 – Recreational Therapy Licensing (LSB2088SV)

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Description

Senate File 286 requires the licensure of recreational therapists and provides for specific exemptions. The Bill establishes a five member Board of Recreational Therapy and provides for the composition and duties of the members. Fees assessed to licensees will be retained by the Bureau of Professional Licensure under the Department of Public Health to be used for administrative support for the Board. Violations are the same for all health-related boards under the purview of the Bureau. Senate File 286 does not appropriate any General Fund monies for start-up costs.

Background

Beginning in FY 2008, the current 19 boards under the purview of the Bureau of Professional Licensure became 100.0% fee based. Prior to mandatory licensure of recreational therapists, the new Board will not be funded with State appropriations and will be dependent upon the revenue generated by existing boards. The estimated number of persons that will be required to achieve licensure under this legislation is unknown.

Assumptions

- Costs for staff time and administrative support are based on current costs incurred for the existing boards under the Bureau of Professional Licensing.
- No new FTE positions will be required.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. For FY 2010, the start-up costs for the Board of Recreational Therapy are estimated at \$105,000. There is no money appropriated in SF 286, therefore costs will be incurred by the Department of Public Health by utilizing existing license fee revenues.

Source

Department of Public Health

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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